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86 April 1945

SUBJECT: Parachute Training

To t Chief, Schools and Training

PROM : Hajor Samuel C. King Jr, Acting in Command, Ooc

l. Request that Captain Lucien K. Comein, Cl322769, Inf, be enrolled in the OSS Parachute Training Class, effective this date.

B. I certify that the above-named officer in fact is in the United States on temporary duty; that subject to the approval of the Strategic Services Office of the theater concerned he will proceed to an overseas station for duty, an essential part of which will involve parachute jumping; that any change in eligibility of the above-named officer to attend the parachute course under your jurisdiction will be reported to you immediately, and that a signed copy of this report will be sent to the Director and to the Commanding Officer, hq & Hq Detachment. I further certify that the above-named officer is not in a flying pay status.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
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9 May 1945

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UNITED STATES FORCES
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AFO 290 23 September 1945

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Strategic Services Officer, OSS.

- 1. It is especially desired to commend the OSS units that were attached to or served in conjunction with this headquarters and those Chinese Armies and groups whose operations were coordinated through this headquarters with the Chinese Supreme Headquarters.
- 2. The veried and unusual type of duty performed by these units made their performance of duty most difficult. In spite of the belief of many foreigners, based upon ordinary news reports that the Chinese were finished guerilla fighters of long experience in such operations against the Japanese, there was actually little of this type of combat that had been carried on effectively for the past two years.
- 3. The arrival of aggressive and competent groups of officers, many with prior commando service in the European Theater, provided a great impetus to the Chinese. These young officers, with little or no prior service in China, were able to obtain the comfidence of the Chinese entirely because of their military efficiency and ability to teach and produce results and to fight alongside of the Chinese in their units. The commando units overcame many difficulties and produced outstanding results during their service in China.
- 4. This headquarters has coordinated most of its work with these units through Colonel William R. Peers, Colonel William P. Davis, and It. Colonel Alfred T. Cox. All three of these officers have proven to be especially competent, cooperative, and cutstanding for common sense and judgment. Because of their efforts, many of the difficulties which are inherent in coordinating military operations which are removed from the channel of military command have never even arisen.

/s/ R. B. McClure /t/ R. B. McCLURE Major General, U.S.A. Commanding

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STRATEGIC SERVICES CFFICER, OSS CT APO 627. 1 October 1945 TO: Lt. Colonel A. T. Cox, Commanding Officer, OG, CT, APO 627.

Contents noted and forwarded with pleasure. It is directed that a copy of commendation be made a part of the official records of all personnel involved.

/s/ Richard P. Hoppner /t/ RICHARD P. HEFPNER Colonel, FA Strategic Services Officer

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To: Captain LUCIAN E. COMEIN, 01 322 769, Infantry.

Basic communication received and contents noted with pleasure. It is desired to add my personal indorsement to the above, attesting to the splendid spirit of devotion and levalty which you exemplified in so capably carrying out your assigned tasks.

AMPRED T. COX Lt Col, Infantry Commanding



#### STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT, WAR DEPARTMENT MISSION TO GERMANY U.S. Forces, European Treater

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19 June 1946

SUBJECT: Captain Lucien Conein

10: Director, SSU/TD, Mashington Attention: Chief, Personnel Branch

l. Reference is made to AMION Cable No. 313 and Fashington No. 911, above subject.

- 2. In the overall planning for the reorganization of AMZOH and the streamlining of Services personnel (as discussed by Mr. Lewis on his recent trip to Washington), it was decided to combine responsibilities of several Services Branch officers, thus automatically eliminating the position of Mess and Club Officer.
- Original plans called for the recruitment of two junior officers from the United States, both of whom have indicated they are not interested in the assignment offered. In addition it has become an urgent necessity to immediately assign a junior officer to conducting and liaison duties out of the Office of Chief, of Mission. Captain Conein has been assigned to this task in addition to his cuties as Mess and Club Officer. The time spent on supervisory control of the messes and clubs has reached the point where it entails a total of only about four or five lays per month. These duties are principally accountatility both for supply and cash funds connected with the messes and clubs. The duties of the conducting and liaison officer are most peculiar in nature in that no set schedule of duties can be outlined at least with respect to time. There have been individual conducting assignments that involved a minimum of a few hours of a given day and other times such conducting assignment actually lasted two or three or more days. These assignments come up at unusual times and it is imperative that we have available such junior officers to meet all degands made upon us when they actually arise. On the other hand, the essential mess and club duties may be very well "sand-siched in" between the more important duties of the conducting officer.
- 4. There has been some discussion as to the unreliability of subject officer for reasons unknown to the writer. Thile it is perhaps true that during the war no one ever took a dim view of free wheeling operations, sufficient time has indicated by daily observation both on duty and in social activities that

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subject officer now realizes that the war is over and we are only interested in that type officer personnel who have their feet on the ground. He has demonstrated from time to time since he has been on his present assignment that he can do almost any job asked of him. He has shown imagination, initiative and energy in overcoming obstacles encountered in setting up our two messes and clubs, which are currently operating with maximum efficiency and smoothness.

5. In view of the above, we are retaining subject in his new assignments.

Por the Chief of Mission:

LOUIS E. XUBLER, Lt. Col., Ord. Dept., Executive. 15-50 14 lun

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254 6 E STREETS, N.W. WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

12 July 1946

SUBJECT: Captain Lucien Comein

TO : Mr. Richard Helms

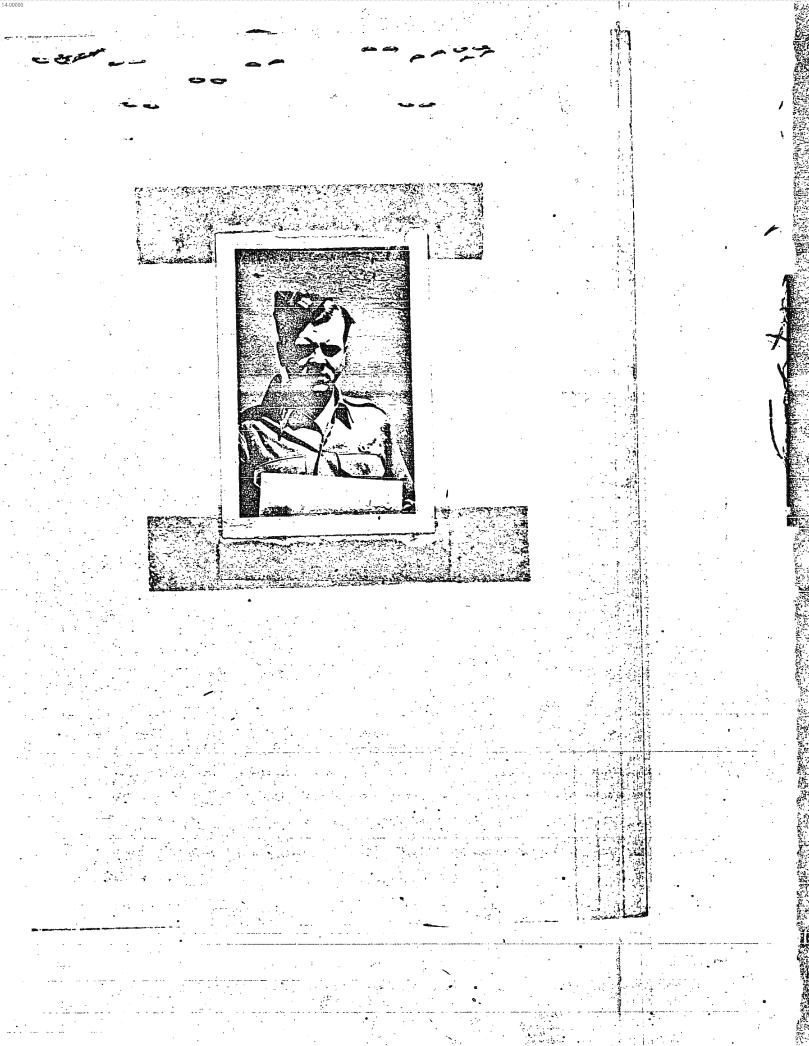
1. Reference is made to your requisition dated & June 1946, requesting a Liaison and Conducting Officer for amon. Such request was made by Lieutenant Colonel Rubler, Executive Officer. Further reference is made to correspondence from Lolonel Rubler dated 19 June 1946, under which he suggests that Captain Lucien Conein presently assigned as Mess and Club Officer, be detailed to fill the above request.

- 2. Captain Comein was reassigned to Amzon at the insistence of high echelon War Department authorities. When serving his first tour of duty in ETC, Captain Comein became involved with the daughter of the editor of one of the leading De Gaullist publications. The matter apparently was a serious one for when Captain Comein was returned to the United States, Trench officials contacted United States Government authorities in Washington, calling to their attention the relationship which had previously existed between Captain Comein and the aforementioned girl. Because of this situation, SSU was directed to return Captain Comein in an immocuous position to ETC for the purposes of settling his personal affairs with the aforementioned girl.
- 3. The suggestion of Colonel Kubler that Captain Conein be used as Liaison and Conducting Officer has been thoroughly discussed in Personnel Branch and with Security Branch. It is their unanimous opinion that the choice of Captain Conein to fill this requisition would be unwise. Because of his past history of personal relationships with high French officials, and because of the fact that Captain Conein is supposed to occupy an inconspicuous position, it is deemed advisable that he remain in his present position and not be transferred to a position where he might subject the organization to criticism and cansure.

JOHN F. HLAKE Procurement & Placement Section

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